

## Kensington Engine Works, Limited,

FRANCIS BROS.,

Engineers and Machinists,

Beach and Vienna Sts.

Philadelphia, 8-29-1887.

H. C. Francis, *Manager*,  
 A. Hunt, *Treas.*,  
 W. H. Francis, *Sec'y.*

Sir:-

Upon an examination of the Porter-Allen Engine used for driving your electric lighting, we find it very difficult to make a close estimate without taking the Engine entirely to pieces. We find the cylinder will require re-boring, a new valve made, new link, and new boxes, and that the Engine must be generally overhauled and refitted. You can appreciate the difficulty in making a close estimate under these circumstances, as the amount of work on the various parts would not develop until the Engine was taken to pieces and in process of refitting. We would be willing, however, to guarantee that the cost of the work would not exceed Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$375.00), and, although this may seem a large amount for repairs, yet we cannot see how under the circumstances we could name you a lower figure as an ultimate, because the renewal of the parts would require the expense of patterns which the makers of the Engine would not have.

In case you should favor us with your order, we could promise delivery in about two (2) weeks.

Awaiting your honored commands, we are,

Yours respectfully, KENSINGTON ENGINE WORKS, Limited,

To,

Hon. Dan'l M. Fox,  
 Sup't U. S. Mint, Phila.

*W. H. Francis*  
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